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C O N F I D E N T I A L CALCUTTA 0440

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IN, SK

SUBJ: SIKKIM: CHOGYAL'S RELATIONS WITH NEW DELHI IMPROVING

1. AS WE HAVE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, THE CHOGYAL'S ALLOWANCE TO MAINTAIN HIMSELF AND HIS STAFF WAS TERMINATED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY UPON INDIA'S TAKEOVER OF SIKKIM IN APRIL OF 1975. WE ARE NOW TOLD BY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT WHILE THE ALLOWANCE HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN REINSTITUTED THE CHOGYAL HAS BEEN GIVEN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND RUPEES (ABOUT \$11,500) BY THE GOI WITHIN THE LAST 45 DAYS TO PAY OUTSTANDING BILLS AND SALARIES. IN ADDITION, THE CHOGYAL IS PLANNING A TRIP TO NEW DELHI WITH THE PERMISSION AND APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE SCENARIO FOR THIS TRIP HAS NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN WORKED OUT AND DATE HAS NOT YET BEEN SET.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAS BROUGHT ABOUT THIS IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CHOGYAL AND NEW DELHI BUT ASSUME THAT MEANS THE CHOGYAL HAS ADOPTED THE TYPE OF COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE THAT HE WAS ADVISED BY MRS. GANDHI TO TAKE DURING HER VISIT TO SIKKIM IN NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR. (CALCUTTA 2980)

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